

# Curriculum Vitae Prof. Salman F. Albdour

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## **Personal Data:**

Birth Date/Place : March 10,1944, Madaba, Jordan.  
Marital Status : Married, with 2 children.  
Nationality : Jordanian.  
Languages : Arabic, Persian and English Fluency.

## **Education:**

- Ph.D., Department of Philosophy, Tehran University, Tehran, Iran, 1980.
- M.A., Department of Philosophy, Tehran University, Tehran, Iran, 1973.
- B.A., Department of Philosophy and Sociology, Damascus University, Damascus, Syria, 1968.

## **Doctoral Thesis :**

- Eternal Truths in Cartesian and Islamic Philosophy.

## **Speciality :**

- Comparative Philosophy and Islamic Philosophy.

## **Research Interests:**

- Islamic Philosophy.
- Comparative Philosophy.
- 17-19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy.
- Philosophy in the Third World.
- Arabic and Islamic Thought.
- Philosophy of Religion.

**Academic Experience:**

Professor	Department of Philosophy, University of Jordan, April 1994 -
Associate Professor	Department of Philosophy, University of Jordan, July 1986 - 1994.
Visiting Faculty	Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Spring 1993.
Visiting Scholar	Department of Near Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 1987 - 1988.
Assistant Professor	Department of Philosophy, University of Jordan, March 1981 - July 1986.
Lecturer	Department of Philosophy, University of Jordan, Oct. 1980 - March 1981.
Teaching Assistant	Department of Arabic Language and Literature, Tehran University, 1973 - 1976.

**Professional Experience:**

Member, Council of Trustees	Amman National University, 2013 -
President	Interim Committee of the Islamic Charity Center, April. 2007 - Oct. 2012.
Member, Council of Trustees	Yarmouk University, Jordan Dec. 2009 - Sept. 2010.
Member and vice president of the council of trustees	Jadara University, 2005 - 2008.
Editor-in-Chief	Jordan Journal of Social Sciences, Jan. 2007 -

Member, Council of Trustees	The Jordanian Center For Human Rights, 2005 - 2007
President	AL al-Bayt University, Aug. 2001- Dec. 2004
Vice President for Administrative Affairs	University of Jordan, Oct. 1998 - Aug. 2001.
Member, Council of Trustees	Yarmouk University, Jordan Aug. 1998 - Sept. 2001.
Dean	Students' Affairs, University of Jordan, May 1996 - Dec. 1998.
Dean	Students' Affairs, Al al-Bayt University, 1994 - 1995.
Editor-in-Chief	ALMANARAH, Learned Journal, Al al-Bayt University, 1995 - 1999.
Chairman	Department of Philosophy, University of Jordan, Sep. 1986 - 1987 also Sep. 1990 - 1996.

### **Courses Taught:**

#### **Graduate:**

- Late Islamic Philosophy.
- Al-Ghazali and Ibn Rushd.
- Islamic Philosophy.
- Kant and Hegel.
- Trends in Contemporary Islamic Thought.
- Philosophy of Action in the Arab Islamic Heritage.
- Plato and Aristotle.
- St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Philosophy of Religion.
- Al-Farabi and his School.

- Themes in Arab Thought from the Rise of Islam to the Present. (Princeton University-USA).
- The Knowledge Society.

**Undergraduate:**

- Islamic Philosophy.
- Mediaeval Philosophy.
- Philosophy of Enlightenment.
- Eastern Philosophy.
- Greek Philosophy.
- Metaphysics.
- Islamic Theology.
- Modern Philosophy.

**Thesis Supervision:**

**Name of Student:**

**Thesis Title:**

Mohammad al-Kahlut, M.A.

Man in al-Kindi's Philosophy, (1986),  
(degree awarded).

Mohammad al-'utum, M.A.

Shi'ite Imami's Contemporary Political Theory, (1987), (degree awarded).

Ahmad Krayem, M.A.

Mohammad Bakir al-Sadr on Marxism, (1989), (degree awarded).

Afet Nuaimat, M.A.

Authority in Abu al-Hasan al-Amiri's Thought, 1994, (degree awarded).

Mohammad Assaf, M.A.

Sayyed Qutb on Mind and Philosophy, 1995, (degree awarded).

Ahamd Ibrahim Alfares, M.A.

Myth and knowledge in Mohmmad Arkon's thought, 2000, (degree awarded).

Mohammad al-'utum, Ph.D

Constructing a Model of Islamic Political Thought, 2008, (degree awarded).

Mohammad Assaf, Ph.D

Democracy in Contemporary Arab Thought, 2011, (degree awarded).

Mahmoud Bani Domee, Ph.D

Environmental Philosophy in Islam: From Science to Ecosophy, 2011, (degree awarded).

Maha Alsamhoury, Ph.D

Logical Analysis of Moral Action, 2012, (degree awarded).

Ayman Alkalyleh, Ph.D	Mind and Action in the Philosophy of Al-Gazali and Ibn Rushd, 2012, <b>(degree awarded)</b> .
Raj'ee Harb, Ph.D	Globalization Between Human Welfare and Monopoly of Power, 2013, <b>(degree awarded)</b> .
Fayeze Akeel, Ph.D	The Theory of the Most Perfect World in Islamic Philosophy, 2014, <b>(degree awarded)</b> .
Mahmoud Mousa Mahmoud, Ph.D	Al-Farabi's Theory of Knowledge, 2012, <b>(under preparation)</b> .
Ahamd Meestrehee, Ph.D	Al-Gahazali's Theory of Knowledge, 2012, <b>(under preparation)</b> .
Ayeman Mana'seeh, Ph.D	Ibn Khaldun on the Asabiya and it's Modern Forms, 2013, <b>(under preparation)</b> .
Ahamd Al-qhwee, Ph.D	The Concept of the Possible in Islamic Philosophy, 2013, <b>(under preparation)</b> .
Khaled Jouma', Ph.D	Averroes' "Ibn Rushd" Theory of Knowledge, 2013, <b>(under preparation)</b> .
Laththah Al-Otibi, Ph.D	Yahya Ibn Adi on Virtue and Felicity, 2013, <b>(under preparation)</b> .

### **Publications:**

- Transubstantial Motion in Sadr al-Din Shirazi's Philosophy (in Arabic), DIRASAT, University of Jordan, Vol.11, No.4, 1984.
- The Problem of Philosophical Terminology in Arabic Language, (in Arabic), DIRASAT, University of Jordan, Vol.11, No.6, 1984.
- Reflections on Poetry and Philosophy (in Arabic), CULTURAL QUARTERLY, University of Jordan, No.3, 1984.
- Zoroastrianism (in Arabic), CULTURAL QUARTERLY, University of Jordan, No.7,1985. And Arabic Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Institute of Arab Development, Beirut, 1988.
- Omniscience as an Attribute of the Necessary Being in Sadr al-Din Shirazi's Philosophy (in Arabic), DIRASAT, University of Jordan, Vo.13, No.1, Jan.1986.

- Ontology of Sadr al-Din Shirazi (in Arabic), DIRASAT, University of Jordan, Vol.13, No.4, Dec.1986.
- On Islamic Philosophy (in Arabic), CULTURAL QUARTERLY, University of Jordan, No.9, 1986.
- Arabic Translation of the Article "Philosophical Analysis in Latin America, Published by Jorge J.E. Gracia, appeared in HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY, Vol.1, Jan.1984. CULTURAL QUARTERLY, University of Jordan, No.10/11, 1986.
- Critical Study of Arab Nationalism (in Arabic), Proceedings of the Academic Day of the Faculty of Arts, University of Jordan, 1987.
- Avicenna's theory of Action (in Arabic), DIRASAT, University of Jordan, Vol.15, No.3, March 1988.
- Ayatollah Khomeini's Pantheism and the Guardianship of the Jurist as Self-Knowledge, (in English), DIRASAT, University of Jordan, Vol.18, No.2, 1991.
- 'Ali Shari'ti on the Crisis of Identity and the Problem of Social Change, (in Arabic), AL-NADWAH, Journal of the Society of International Affairs, Amman, Vol.3, No.3, 1991.
- Commentary on: The participation of Persian Language in Islamic Civilization, (in Arabic), Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> General Conference, Royal Institute for Research in Islamic Civilization, Amman, 1991.
- Isma'ili Sect in Syria, (in Arabic), Proceedings of the Fourth Conference on the History of Bilad al-Sham, University of Jordan, 1992.
- Aspects of Islamic Philosophy in the Ferdusi's Poetry, (in Persian), JOURNAL OF LETTERS AND HUMAN SCIENCES, Tehran University, Vol.30, No.1-4, 1992-1993.
- Tradition and Modernity, a Vision of Possible Contemporary Arab Philosophy (in Arabic), ARAB PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, The Arab Philosophical Society, Amman, Vol.2, No.1, 1992.
- Negritude (in Arabic), CULTURAL QUARTERLY, University of Jordan, No.30, 1993.
- Al-Kindi's Ontology and His Theory of Action (in Arabic), DIRASAT, University of Jordan, Vol.20, No.4, 1993.
- Eternity (al-Abad), (in Arabic), Encyclopedia of Islamic Civilization, Royal Institute for Research in Islamic Civilization, Amman, 1993.
- Innovation (Ibda'), (in Arabic), Encyclopedia of Islamic Civilization, Royal Institute for Research in Islamic Civilization, Amman, 1993.
- Al-Farabi and Spinoza on Imagination and Prophecy; A Comparative Study (in Arabic), DIRASAT, University of Jordan, Vol.21, No.4, 1994.
- Ibn Hazm (in English), Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 1998.
- Jawaini (in English), Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 1998.
- Theology and Political thought in Iran and the Arab World, Almuntda, Arabic Thought Forum, 1999.
- Reason and Action in Islamic Philosophy, (Book), Shoroq Publishes, Amman, 2006.
- Stoicism, Arabic Translation, (Book), Shoroq Publishes, Amman 2006.
- Freedom of Opinion and Speech in Islam, chapter in "Third world: Identity and Culture", Majdalawi Publishes, Amman 2010.

- Third world: Identity and Culture, (Book), Dar Majdalawi Publishes, Amman, 2010.
- Critique of Avicenna's Theory of Knowledge, Afkar, Ministry of Culture, Vol.274, 2011.
- Summary of Some Plato's Dialogues, (Book), Arab Institute for Research and Publishing, Beirut 2014.

### **Seminars and Conferences:**

- First Conference on Philosophy in the Arab World, University of Jordan, Amman, Dec. 5-8 1983. Contribution; The Problem of Philosophical Terminology (in Arabic).
- First Conference of Culture in Jordan, University of Jordan, Amman - Jordan, 15-18 Oct.1985. Contribution; Two Commentaries.
- Academic Day of the Faculty of Arts, University of Jordan, Amman - Jordan, 1987, Contribution; Critical Study of Arab Nationalism (in Arabic).
- Second Conference on Philosophy in the Arab World, University of Jordan, Amman - Jordan, Dec.20-25, 1987, Member of the Organizing Committee.
- Tribe, Religion and State in the Middle East, conference, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, USA, Nov. 17-18,1987.
- Iran, War and Society; Power, Language and Memory, Conference co-sponsored by Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Chicago University, USA, April 8-10,1988. Contribution; The Roots of the Guardianship of the Jurist in Islamic Philosophy.
- Biography and Autobiography in Iran in the Last Two Centuries, Seminar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, USA, April 15,1988. Contribution; Ayatollah Khomeini's Pantheism as Self-Knowledge.
- Fourth Conference on the History of Bilad al-Sham, University of Jordan, Amman - Jordan, March 4-8,1990. Contribution; Isma'ili Sect in Syria.
- Conference on Ferdousi, on the Occasion of the 1000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Composition of the Shahnameh, Tehran University, Tehran - Iran, Dec. 22-26, 1990. Contribution; Aspects of Islamic Philosophy in the Shahnameh.
- The Participation of Islamic Nations in Islamic Civilization, The 8<sup>th</sup> Conference, Royal Institute for Research in Islamic Civilization, Amman - Jordan, July 2-4, 1991, Contribution; Commentary: Participation of Persian Language in Islamic Civilization.
- Third Conference on Philosophy in the Arab World, Arab Philosophical Society, University of Jordan, Amman - Jordan, Oct. 20-25,1992. Contribution; Tradition and Modernity in the Contemporary Arab Thought.

- Fourth Conference on Philosophy in the Arab World, University of Jordan, Amman - Jordan, Nov. 25-27,1995, Member of the Organizing Committee.
- World Conference on Mulla Sadra, Tehran - Iran, May 22-27, 1999. Contribution; Mulla Sadra's Ontology.
- Conference on Co-operation between Iran and the Arab World, Tehran - Iran, Nov. 14-15,1999. Contribution; Theology and Politics in Iran and the Arab World.
- British Council International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education, Strathclyde University, Glasgow - U.K., March 12-17, 2001.
- International Conference on Globalization and Higher Education, International Association of Universities, Lyon - France, April 12-14, 2002.
- International Conference of the Association of University Presidents, Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education, Sydney - Australia, June 24-27, 2002.
- The Middle East: Culture, Religion and Community, Looking Beyond the Current Crisis, Amman - Jordan, Feb. 23-24, 2003.
- UNESCO International Conference on Globalization and Higher Education, Implications for North-South Dialogue, Oslo - Norway, May 25-28, 2003.
- International Colloquium on Bu-Ali Sina, Hamedan – Iran, August 24-26, 2004.
- Workshop on Human Rights, Copenhagen - Denmark, Nov. 5-18, 2005.
- Workshop "The Creation of a Parallel Comparative Dictionary of European and Arabic Political Words and Notions, Guest Speaker, Budapest - Hungary, September 6 – 8, 2008.
- Seminar "Perceptions and Misperceptions on the Mediterranean Shore, Alexandria - Egypt, Dec. 16 – 17, 2008.
- Seminar "Linking Decentralization to Human Rights and Good Governance, The Jordanian Center for Human Rights, Amman - Jordan, January 5, 2010.
- Seminar on the Renaissance in Omman, Manbar Alumah Alhur, Amman-Jordan, Oct. 2010.

#### **Awards and Scholarships:**

- Scholarship, Tehran University, Cultural and International Relations - Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iran, 1973-1978.
- Fulbright Fellowship, Visiting Scholar, Harvard University, USA, Academic Year 1987-1988.
- ASAIP Visiting Faculty, Princeton University, USA, Spring, 1993.
- Medal of Excellence, Academic achievements, The Jordanian Society of Excellence, Amman - Jordan, 2004.



### **Societies, Committees and Councils:**

- Member of the Arab Philosophical Society, and Member of its Board, 1983 -
- Member of the Union of the Jordanian Writers, 1988 -
- Member of the Council of the Faculty of Arts, University of Jordan, (many years).
- Member of the Committee on Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Jordan, (many years).
- Member of the National Team Supervising the Development of the Curriculum, Ministry of Education, 1991-1993.
- Member of the Jordanian - Spanish Committee, 2000 –
- Member of the Committees of the University of Jordan.
- Member of the Council of Trustees, Yarmouk University, 1998 - 2001.
- Member of the Council of Higher Education, Jordan, 2001 - 2004.
- Member of the Academic Committee, Ministry of Higher Education, Jordan, 2001 - 2004.
- International Observer, Palestinian Elections, January 2005.
- Member of the Council of Trustees, National Center for Human Rights, Jordan, 2005 - 2007.
- Member and Vice President of the Council of Trustees, Jadara University, 2005 - 2008.
- Member of Trustees, Yarmouk University, 2009 - 2010.
- Member of Trustees, Amman National University, 2013 -